

REMARKS

As per the examiner's request, the specification has been amended to reflect that the parent application has now issued as US 6,632,860.

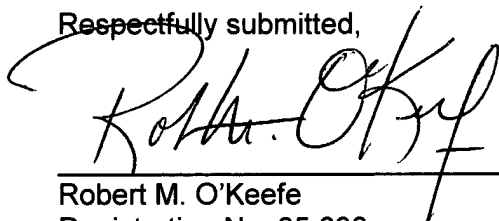
As per the examiner's request, a copy of the Office Actions, Notice of Allowability, Examiner's amendment, and any attached forms such as the Notice of References Cited, Form PTO-892 mailed May 23, 2003 from the parent application are enclosed herewith.

In response to the requirement of an election of species, applicant hereby elects the species of Tables 1a and 1b that correspond with the species set forth in the office action. All elected species read upon the pending claims. As per the office action, the pending claims are generic.

A request for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith. If the request is missing or deficient, consider this to be a request for same.

Should any fees under 37 CRF 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from O'Keefe, Egan & Peterman Deposit Account No. 10-1205. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. O'Keefe", is written over a horizontal line.

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